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*that you who share in the labors may also share in the joy of harvest*



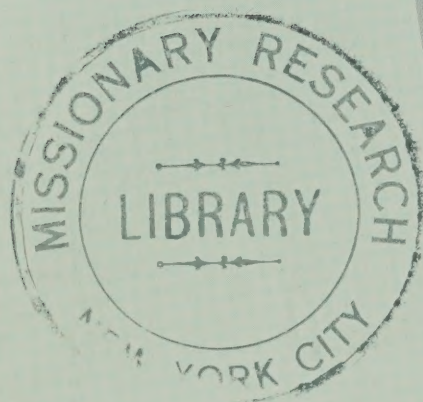


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## OFFICERS OF WORLD GOSPEL MISSION



*Dear Friends and Co-workers:*

This is your brochure. It has been planned to answer your questions about World Gospel Mission fields and workers. You have asked for pictures of all WGM missionaries. Here they are, with the date of appointment, or of leaving for the field, for each.

The history of World Gospel Mission began in 1910, when the National Holiness Association organized its missionary department. The mission was born of the conviction of its founders that the message of scriptural holiness should be carried to the uttermost part of the earth.

God has wonderfully blessed this venture of faith. Just a few months after the society was organized its pioneer missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Woodford Taylor and Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Troxel, set sail for the mission's first field in North China. World Gospel Mission now spreads around the world, having 185 missionaries in 12 fields. This does not include our two fields in China, now closed to missionaries.

In these pages we give you briefly the story of the opening of each field, a report of progress and a view of the urgent opportunities that challenge us. Pictures from the fields are in every issue of the CALL TO PRAYER, our monthly missionary magazine. Therefore we have not included them in this booklet which is designed to supplement the CALL TO PRAYER.

We dedicate this brochure to WGM's thousands of prayer partners and rope holders. Your prayers and gifts have helped to make this record possible. May it be a great blessing to you.

*Very sincerely yours in Jesus' name,*

*George R. Warner*

GEORGE R. WARNER, President  
World Gospel Mission  
Marion, Indiana  
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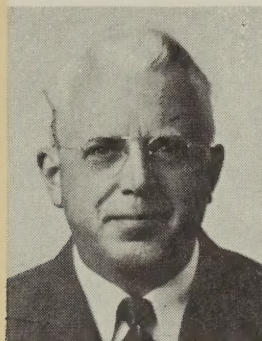


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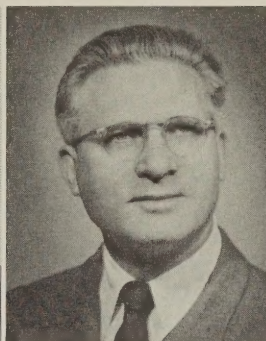
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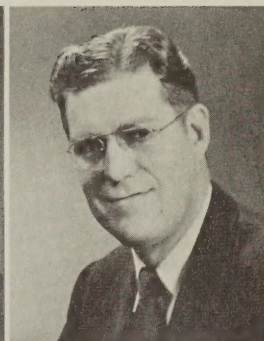
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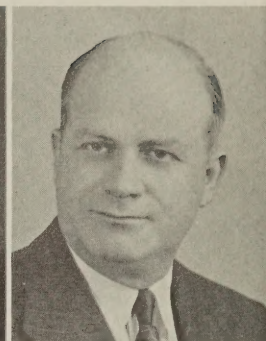
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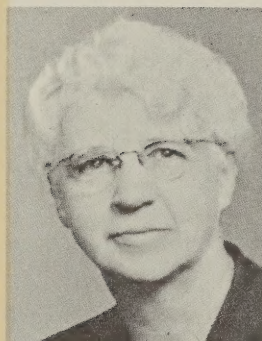
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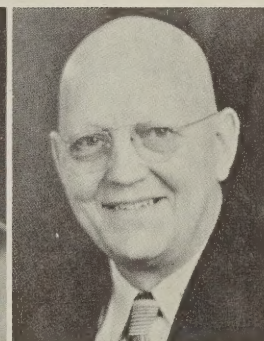
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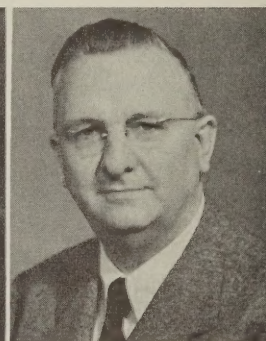
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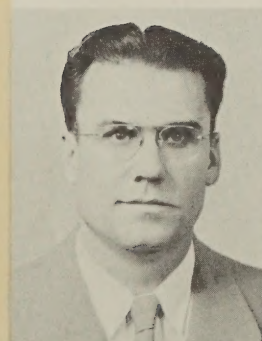
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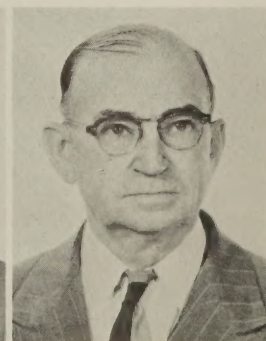
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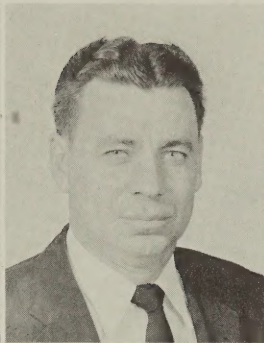
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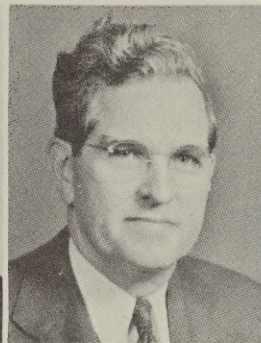
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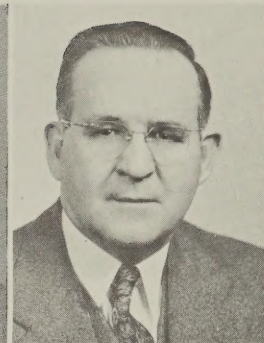
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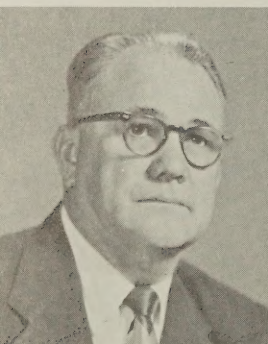
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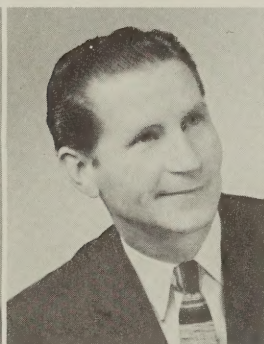
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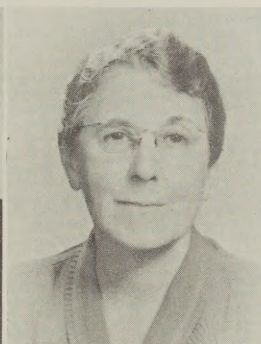
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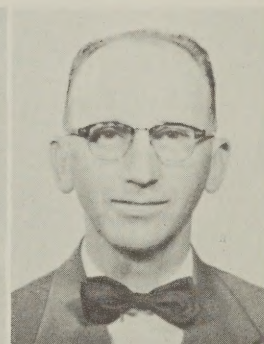
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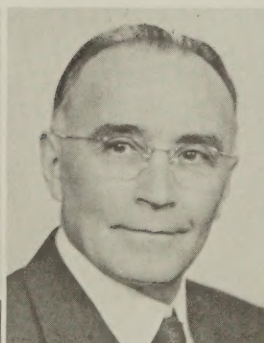
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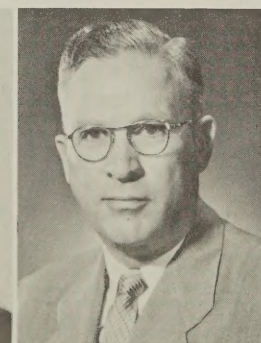
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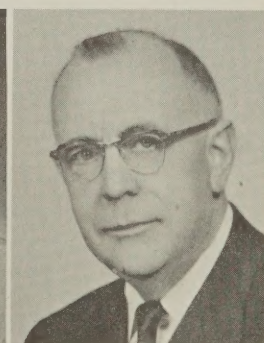
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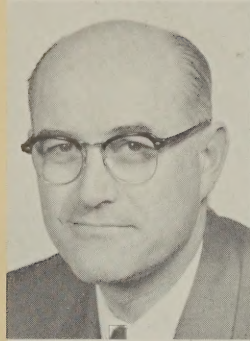
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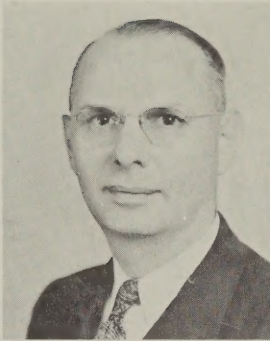
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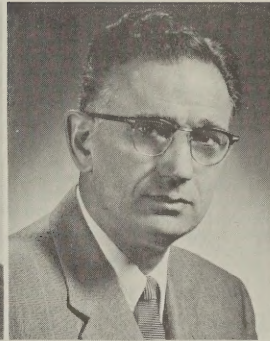
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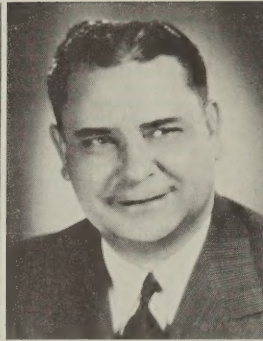
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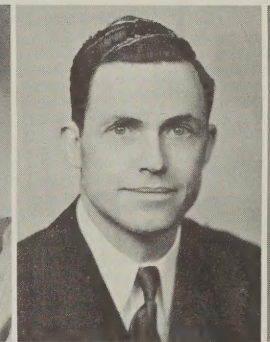
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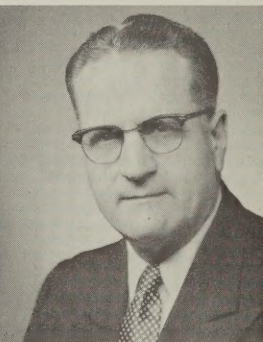
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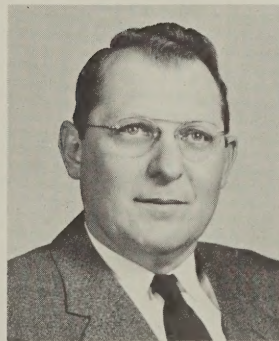


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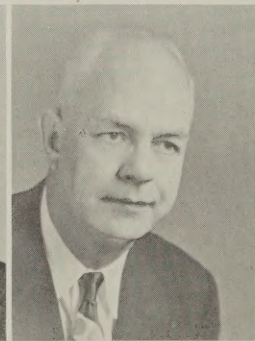


Rev. Hugh S. Townley, D.D.  
Methodist Pastor

The Board of Directors of World Gospel Mission now numbers thirty-five members from eleven different denominations. These Spirit-filled men and women of God constantly bear a deep interest and prayer concern for this ministry, freely devoting much time and strength to it. With courage and faith they carry out their responsibility of planning and directing the work of World Gospel Mission.



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Rev. George R. Warner, D.D.  
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World Gospel Mission



Rev. Charlotte Warren  
Peniel Missions



# SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS

## Prayer Band

The work of World Gospel Mission was founded in prayer. When the Cecil Troxels and Woodford Taylors went to China to open WGM's first field, a devout deaconess friend of theirs felt a call from God as real as theirs even though to a different ministry for the cause of missions. Her constant, burning, inner urge was that these pioneer missionaries, treading unknown paths in quest of benighted people, should be followed regularly by prevailing prayer. This woman of God, Mrs. Beatrice Beezley, was so enabled to pass on her vision to others that groups of people, irrespective of denominational lines, met to pray for the specific requests and needs of the missionaries. This overflow service took root and spread.

Under the capable leadership of Miss Charlotte V. Barnum, who succeeded Mrs. Beezley, the ministry of prayer for missions grew in all three dimensions — downward, outward and upward. This steady buildup in prayer strength through the years has resulted in more fields opened, more missionaries sent, more nationals trained and an ever increasing number of souls won to Christ in the regions beyond.

The ground forces behind the battle lines of this spiritual warfare are now made up of many individual intercessors and upwards of 650 prayer bands in 39 states and 6 foreign countries. Nineteen of these states have each formed a Prayer Band Auxiliary. These faithful co-laborers in this indispensable ministry of undergirding prayer will share in the reward given for all that has been accomplished through WGM.

## Deputation

The deputation department has its central office at Marion, Indiana and regional offices at Portland, Oregon and Riverton, New Jersey.

These offices promote not only the work of the World Gospel Mission but that of the cause of missions in general. The missionaries disseminate knowledge of the spiritual needs of people in unevangelized areas, and impart inspiration and challenge. Since our active missionaries represent nineteen different denominational groups, it is not surprising that last year pastors of forty-eight different denominations welcomed WGM missionaries into their pulpits for the sake of the missionary challenge to their people.

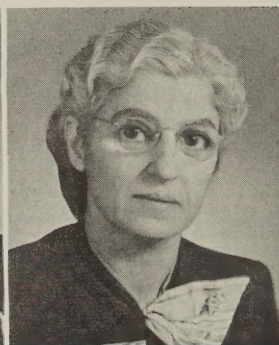
For securing missionary speakers, pastors living in Washington, Oregon or Idaho may write: World Gospel Mission, Northwest Regional Office, Rev. Lester E. Moore, 4220 SE. Jennings Avenue, Portland 22, Oregon.

Pastors in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Rhode Island, New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey are invited to write: World Gospel Mission, Northeast Regional Office, Rev. Earle A. Bowen, 401 Thomas Street, Riverton, New Jersey.

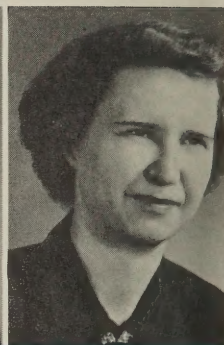
Pastors in other areas may contact: World Gospel Mission, Deputation Director, Box 949, Marion, Indiana.



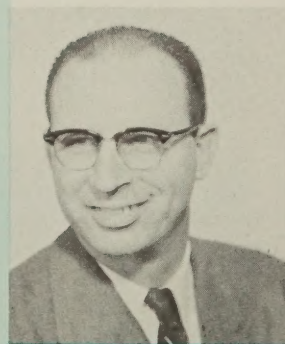
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National Superintendent



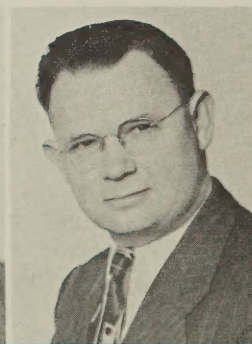
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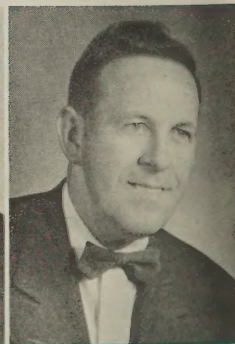
Miss Leona Taves  
Field Worker and National  
Director of Junior Work



Rev. Gordon R. Atkeison  
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Northwest Regional  
Director



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Northeast Regional  
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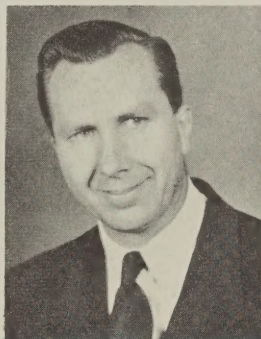
## White Harvest Crusade

The White Harvest Crusade is World Gospel Mission's all-out, intensive effort to reach as many souls as possible with the Gospel while the doors remain open. It includes every phase of WGM work, in the homeland and on the fields.

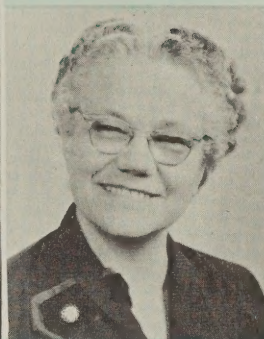
Crusade Counselors help to promote the Crusade. More than fourteen hundred Crusaders give special assistance in it. The prayer bands, national workers, missionaries, the Board of Directors and headquarters staff all have their part in the Crusade. God has given a rich harvest.

During the first six years of the White Harvest Crusade (1951-'56) WGM entered four new fields and sent out eighty-eight new missionaries. Definite advance has been made toward other goals, such as the training of national workers and establishing indigenous churches. Evangelism and revivals characterize the Crusade on all WGM fields. Thousands of souls have been won to the Lord. Hundreds of Christians have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

There is no place to stop. Teeming fields challenge us to do our utmost before Jesus comes. There is a place for everyone in the White Harvest Crusade. For further information about the Crusade, write to: World Gospel Mission, Rev. Ralph A. Vanderwood, WHC Director, Box 949, Marion, Indiana.



Rev. Ralph A. Vanderwood  
Director

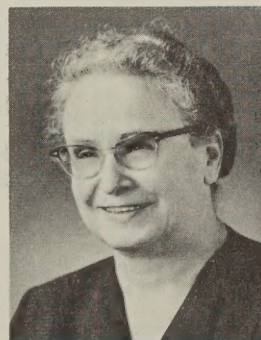


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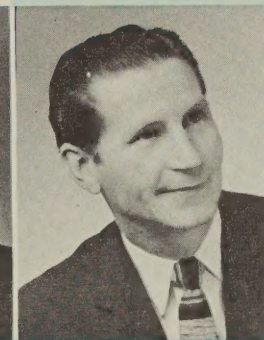
## Book Room

The National Missionary Book Room is a department of World Gospel Mission. The real purpose of starting it in 1952 was to help relieve suffering through hospitals and dispensaries, and to build the Kingdom of God in the lives of those who had never had the opportunity to hear the blessed story that "Jesus Saves."

We are deeply grateful to our friends who share in this great ministry by making their purchases of Bibles, books, greeting cards, Sunday school and vacation Bible school supplies, etc., from the National Missionary Book Room. Our profits go to missions.



Mrs. Hazel B. Krueger  
Manager



Rev. James C. Lentz  
Director

## Editorial

CALL TO PRAYER, the official organ of World Gospel Mission, has been published monthly since June 1919. It has brought blessing and missionary vision to thousands. Here is what some of the readers say: "I don't want to miss even one CALL TO PRAYER." Pennsylvania. "We like the CALL TO PRAYER. It has been coming to our home for quite a few years and I think it the best missionary paper we read." Missouri. "I think it the finest missionary paper on the market. Thank God always for becoming acquainted with it." Indiana.

This twenty-page paper is filled with articles written by WGM missionaries. Many pictures illustrate their articles. You become acquainted with missionaries and their work until your heart throbs with a "call to prayer." The subscription price is \$1.00 a year.

JUNIOR CALL has been published four times each year since June, 1953. It is a MUST for children who are missionary-minded or for those whom parents, grandparents, or other relatives and friends desire to interest in missions. It is an attractive twelve-page children's magazine. The subscription price is 50¢ for four issues.

Samples of either or both of these papers will be sent on request.

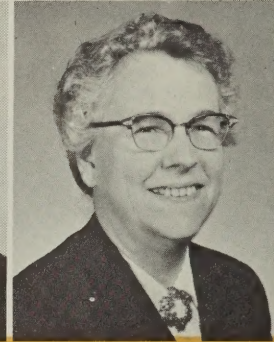
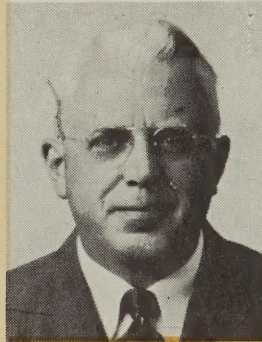
## Radio

Work is progressing on the headquarters studio where missionary radio broadcasts are to be sponsored by World Gospel Mission. This department will be under the direction of Rev. James Lentz who has had many years of radio ministry.

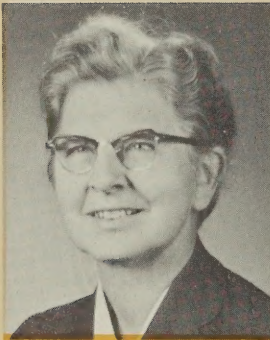
Programs are expected to be on the air each week beginning sometime during the summer of 1957. Watch the CALL TO PRAYER for further announcements.



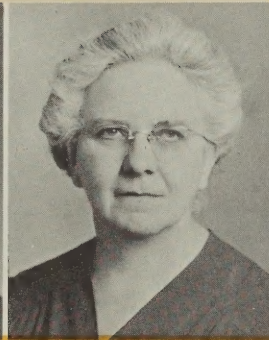
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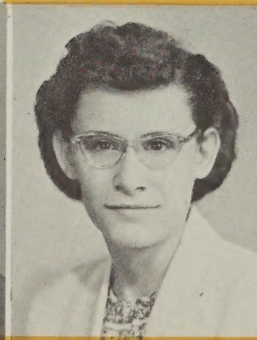
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Representative at large  
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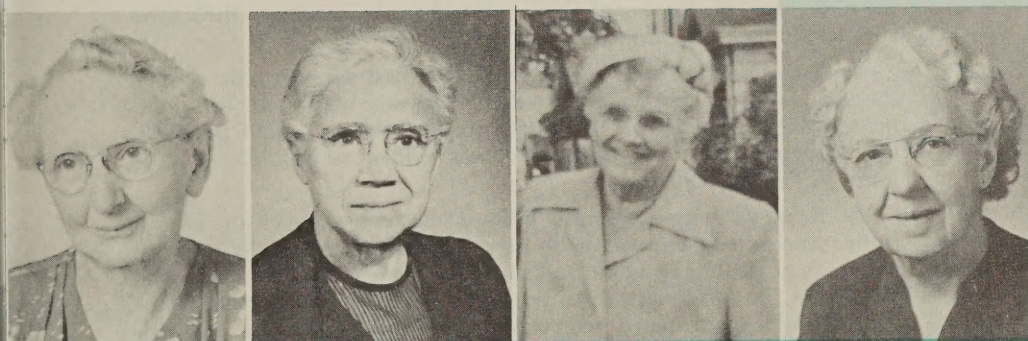
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## Serving with Peniel Missions

Peniel Missions, Inc., has recently become a department of World Gospel Mission. Peniel operates a chain of city rescue missions on the west coast, a home and hospital for unwed mothers, and foreign work in Egypt.



Mrs. Martha L. Moe  
Missionary to North China  
1912 to 1940

Mrs. Della Brandenburg Taylor  
Missionary to North China  
1916 to 1937  
Missionary to Mexican Border  
1945 to 1950

Rev. Charlotte V. Barnum  
National Superintendent  
of Prayer Bands  
1932 to 1956

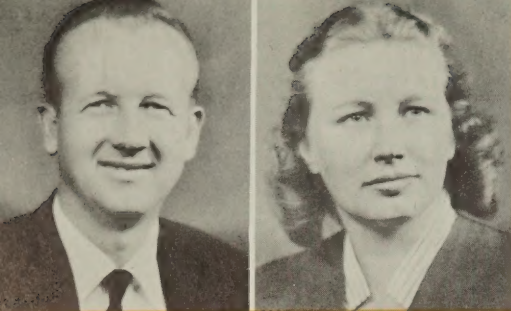
Mrs. Nellie M. Haist  
Prayer Band Field Worker  
1940 to 1957

## Retired but Active

## On Leave of Absence

Name	Field	Years of Service	Now serving
Rev. A. B. Richards	North China	1917-1948	Free Methodist pastorate
Mrs. A. B. Richards	North China	1917-1948	Free Methodist pastorate
Rev. Kenneth P. Wesche, D.D.	North China	1926-1948	Western Evangelical Seminary
Mrs. Kenneth P. Wesche	North China	1934-1948	Western Evangelical Seminary
Miss Gail Kiser	North China	1936-1948	Seattle Pacific College
Miss Miriam Gregory	North China	1947-1948	In Mexico City
Miss Hortensia Acosta	Bolivia	1951-1954	Friends, Guatemala





Rev. and Mrs. John Ragsdale  
October 1953



Miss Minnie Dill  
August 1955

Mrs. Elsie McDonald  
March 1947



Miss Lois Major  
September 1955

Miss Velma Jones  
August 1954



Mr. and Mrs. Alva Herndon  
September 1956



Miss Maxine Moss  
October 1950

## ARIZONA INDIAN FIELD

### Along the Trail

The work of World Gospel Mission among the Arizona Indians was begun in 1952. Property was secured from the Christian Workers Missionary Society at Glendale near Phoenix, the capital. There being two buildings on the property, WGM was able to proceed without delay.

The program includes the following activities: Southwest Indian Training School, vacation Bible schools and other means of evangelism.

1. The *training school* opened the 1956-'57 session with students from the Navajo, Papago, Pima, Apache and Maricopa tribes. Although education is sadly lacking among the Indians, the main purpose of the Southwest Indian Training School is to train the heart even better than the mind and hand. It was gratifying to the missionaries when parents and neighbors told them that they had seen a transformation in the lives of many of the children when they were home last summer. Missionaries are sometimes awakened during the wee hours of the morning for consultation over a problem or to counsel with a pupil arrested by pungent conviction. With victory won, the once restless lad now lies down to peaceful slumbers.

These saved teen-age Indians are looking with concern upon their tribesmen. Imagine the joy when one missionary wrote, "A couple of the girls have recently heard God's call to be missionaries to their own people." Is it not worthwhile?

2. Two *vacation Bible schools* were held last summer, one among the Apaches and another among the Navajos. There were forty-one boys and girls enrolled in the latter, many of whom sought peace of heart. Increased community interest was evident at the closing program of both schools.

3. *Evangelism* is constantly pressed. Besides evangelistic efforts in the schools, contacts are made for preaching points on the reservations. As a result, the adult Indians show increasing trust and confidence in the missionaries. Advanced students receive help in Bible classes and in turn assist on evangelistic trips, in services at work camps, and at hospitals as well as on the reservations.

A campmeeting is held each year. Last year the crowds were made up of people from as many as ten different tribes. It being the time of Thanksgiving, Indians and whites once again sat around the festive board and partook not only of the temporal but also of the spiritual feast as an Indian evangelist of the Yuma tribe brought the messages. Some sought the Lord for the first time and others were reclaimed.

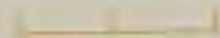
One is *challenged* not only by the dire need of these Indians in a "land of plenty" but one is also challenged by the debt we owe to these original Americans.

The Indian will eventually come to the end of the trail. As he faces the setting sun what hope has he? We hold in our hand the Gospel which is "the power of God unto salvation" that can bring him to the end of the trail not in despair but in glorious anticipation.





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Indian Reservation

\* WGM Station





Rev. and Mrs. Burnis Bushong  
June 1946



Miss Frances Beard  
July 1941



Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Vesper  
November 1943



Miss Irma Moody  
December 1928



## HONDURAS, CENTRAL AMERICA

### Revival not Revolution

In 1944 World Gospel Mission began work in Honduras, Central America. A cordial invitation on the part of the California Friends Mission was emphasized by their relinquishing a section of their field, which section comprises about one-third of the republic and in which live 300,000 people.

Some stations and outstations had been established by the Friends. There are now four main stations where missionaries live, and thirty-eight churches and preaching points where the Gospel is proclaimed regularly.

Encouraging features of the work include:

1. The *revival fires* which were ignited in the church at Tegucigalpa, the capital, early in 1956. The spirit of revival continues with souls being saved at nearly every service. Interest has quickened throughout the field. Witnessing from house to house was done in Juticalpa; also on the plazas the evangelical message was proclaimed by sermon and song. In the Federal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, many women patients have been converted.

2. *Successful efforts* to "bring them in." Besides the 28 Sunday schools attended by a total of 775 children, 21 other meetings for children are held each week in schools, homes or even on the streets. The grade school at Juticalpa exerts a powerful influence upon the hearts and homes of the sixty-three children enrolled.

3. *Indigenous church progress.* All the local churches are pastored by Honduran ministers. After many years of prayer, progress and planning, the national church in WGM's field has emerged carrying the name of the Honduran Holiness Church. Five of its ministers were ordained last year in "the first Protestant ordination service ever held in Honduras."

As for the future, there is ample scope for the talents of all the missionaries. The Honduran Holiness Church has requested the missionary executive committee to serve in an advisory capacity.

The Tegucigalpa Bible Institute, with a present enrollment of twenty-five, must continue to turn out scripturally-grounded sanctified preachers to take over newly-organized churches.

Missionary help is needed in special evangelistic campaigns, in teaching on holiness and in aiding pastors in the organizing of their infant church on the local level.

In an area so productive but where agricultural methods are so primitive, the presence and program of *El Sembrador*, the Boys Farm School at Catacamas, has received merited praise from government officials. The care of 100 acres of land under cultivation and the destumping of other acres, together with regular duties, is enough to keep the thirty or more boys from becoming "teen-age problems." Cotton, as a new crop, gives promise of becoming very profitable. This farm program is Christianity at work in a practical way.



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December 1950



Miss Virginia Sapp  
February 1946



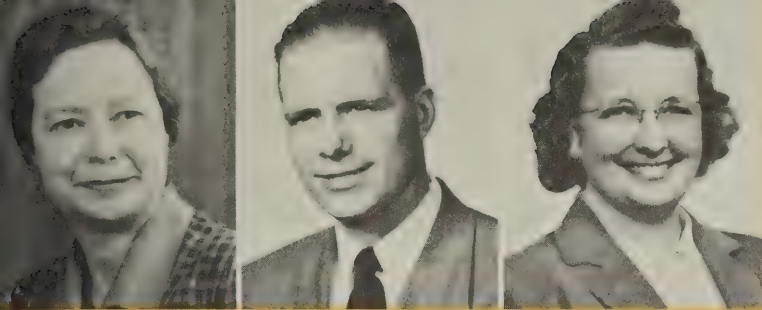
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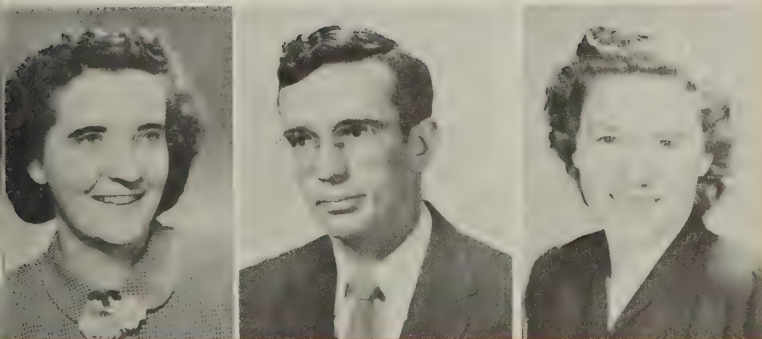


Miss Nellie Thum  
September 1945

Rev. and Mrs. Milton McColley  
May 1952

## REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS

showing WGM main stations



Miss Lois Henry  
April 1955

Mr. Melvin Eberhard  
August 1956

Mrs. Melvin Eberhard  
July 1945





Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Tamplin  
January 1944

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Geyer  
October 1945

Rev. and Mrs. Marshal Cavit  
January 1944

## BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA

### The Word Bears Fruit

It was in 1944 that World Gospel Mission opened up work in Bolivia. Four main stations have been established at Guanay, Santa Maria, Ascencion and Santa Cruz. (One WGM missionary couple works with the Oregon Friends Mission at La Paz.)

From these four centers the Word of God, as seed, has been sown widely. In eighteen regular meeting places thirty-five meetings are held each week. Three national preachers, one national teacher and eight lay workers assist the missionaries as sowers of the seed. There is a weekly attendance of 335 in the nine Sunday schools. In 1956 the total daily attendance at seven daily vacation Bible schools was 365. Where the Bolivian church is not already fully self-supporting, progress toward that goal is being made.

In every section of the field, the missionaries are constantly carrying the Gospel into new areas. Santa Maria has been the base for the search for unreached jungle Indians. A small number of Siriono Indians has been found and brought to Santa Maria. In answer to much prayer, the Lord sent a spiritual awakening to these and the Guarayo Indians on the station. While continuing the search for unreached tribes, the workers are also evangelizing the Guarayo.

"Certified seed" is made available at Berea Bible

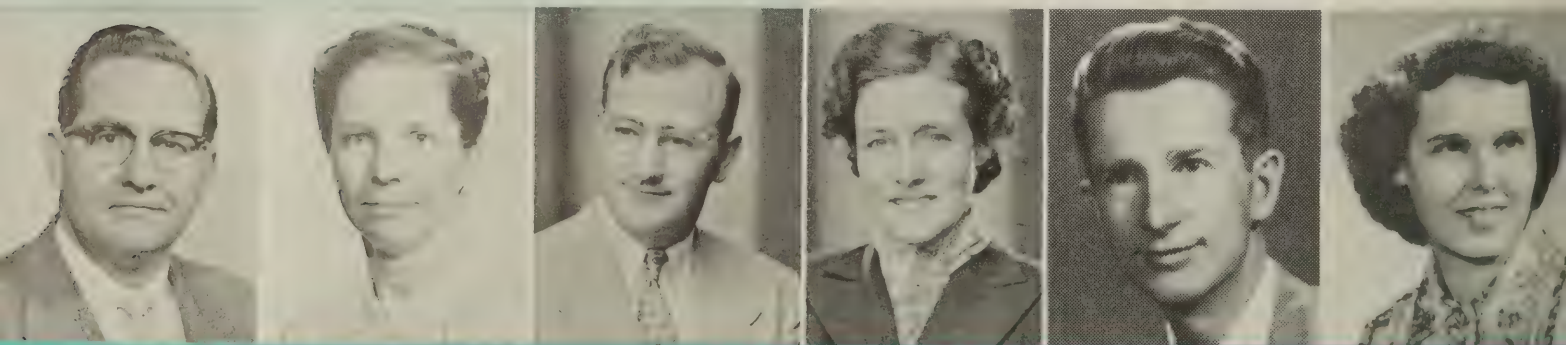
School located at Santa Cruz. At present there are twenty enrolled. While in training, some of these students are supervising outstations. Others assist in open-air and jail services. Some inmates of the jail will emerge with two pardons, one from the governor and another from the Prince of Peace.

The Word bears fruit in missionary inspiration. Guanay reports active colportage work. Ascencion believers send regularly to help in new work and have financed more than one evangelistic trip. Santa Cruz church has aided in the construction of a church at the new outstation of Paurito.

Seed sown creates hunger for more. The Word was preached in an out-of-the-way place, far from Ascencion. One of those hearing for the first time bought a Bible. He faithfully read it to his family. His oldest daughter became interested. Two years later the missionary visited again. The daughter's eyes brimmed with tears as the missionary preached Christ.

Life is evidenced by initiative. So great is the appreciation of the Word in *La Senda*, an outstation, that interested ones of the community prepared a beautiful little air field for Wings of Peace II to bring the messenger with the Word.

The missionaries' constant prayer is for many Spirit-filled Bolivian workers, thoroughly sanctified and set apart unto Himself.



Rev. and Mrs. Richard Moore  
December 1956

Rev. and Mrs. Garnett Townsend  
January 1952

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Tamplin  
June 1952





Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robbins  
May 1952

Rev. and Mrs. John Kunkle  
January 1952

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Harriman  
November 1947



Miss Meredythe Schefflen  
December 1951



Rev. and Mrs. James Mumme  
January 1957

Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Lindahl  
Appointed November 1956

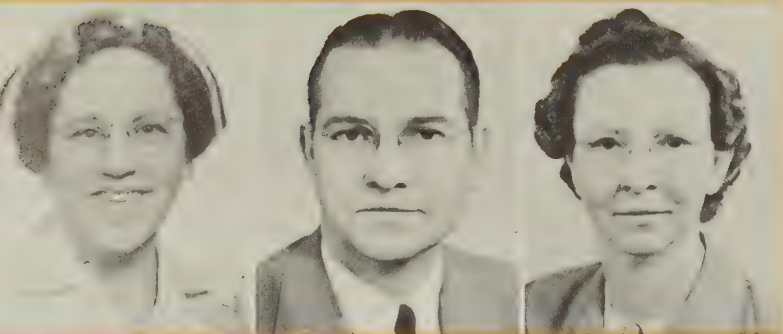
Rev. and Mrs. Paul Steward  
Appointed June 1956





Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Smith  
October 1932

Miss Alice Day  
December 1935



Miss Gertrude L. Shyock  
December 1936

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Fish  
November 1943



Miss Hazel Evans  
June 1943

Miss Lillie Mae Ammerman  
February 1947

Miss Edna Boroff  
February 1947



Rev. and Mrs. Carl Waggoner  
March 1949

Miss Amy Hauvermale  
April 1951

# KENYA,



## Kipsigis Captured by Christ

On one of the highland plateau regions of Kenya Colony lives the admirable Kipsigis tribe. In 1929 the society sent a missionary to Kenya to investigate the possibilities of a field for World Gospel Mission. Four more missionaries were sent out in 1932. After much scouting and negotiating for an open field, permission was obtained in 1934 to evangelize in Sotik, a subdistrict of the Kipsigis tribal district. At that time a station was established at Tenwek. The other subdivisions are Belgut, Buret and Chebolungu.

Aided by the very cooperative British government, outstanding progress has been made. In 1950 a new station was located at Cheptenye in Belgut. In 1954 Kenya Highlands Bible School was able to lease a permanent site at Kericho. The latest thrust was made in 1956 with the opening of a mission station in Chebolungu, a real enemy stronghold.

Besides the four main stations and fifty-six outstations, there are other potential outposts. In all of the area about



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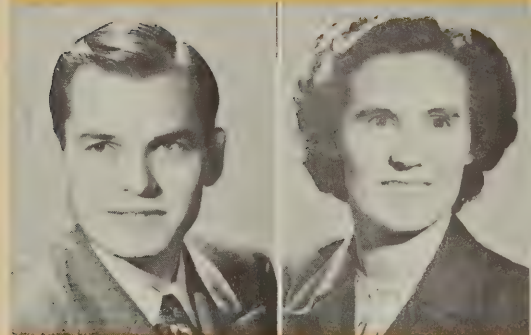


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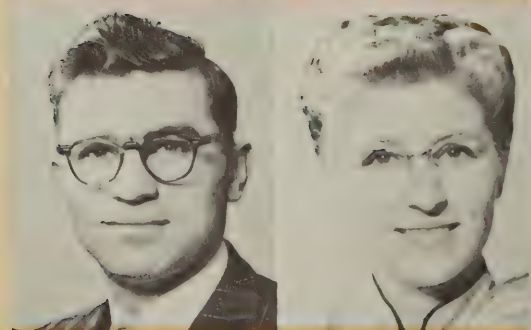


Miss Maisie Doyle  
April 1951

Miss Mildred Roseman  
June 1950



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Trenbeath  
March 1953



Rev. and Mrs. David Kellogg  
April 1953





Rev. and Mrs. Gene Lewton  
March 1955

Miss Alice Pettit  
November 1952

## KIPSIGIS TRIBAL

300 meetings are held every week in these places of worship. Forty-five Sunday schools have an enrollment of nearly two thousand. Regular meetings are held for and by the women. They meet for discussion and prayer about their mutual problems. So important is this work regarded that the women of the Sotik church support a woman graduate of the Bible school to lead in this endeavor.

In the thirty-six *elementary schools* systematic Bible instruction is given. Think of the molding might of the Gospel on the plastic minds of the 3,884 children enrolled! In addition, 3 *intermediate schools* minister to 462 young people. Several hundred children and youths are either converted or sanctified each year; one hundred of those enrolled are in two boarding departments where much more intensive work can be done.

The Lord is calling young people into His service but *Bible school* enrollment is limited by lack of buildings. There are not enough Kipsigis evangelists to answer all the calls for meetings. Some churches wait for pastors. The missionaries are praying mightily that the Bible school buildings may be quickly completed so that more workers can be trained.

*Medical work* has been blessed of the Lord. At Tenwek, the oldest station, sixteen dispensary workers assist the missionary nurses in treating one thousand in-patients and over four thousand out-patients annually. Dispensaries at Cheptenye and Kaboson carry on effectively. The doctor for Kenya, yet in the States, is soon to begin his internship.

Progress has also been made toward an indigenous church. Geographically the church is divided into the Sotik, Belgut and Chebolungu areas. Each area has its ordained ministerial supervisor who is a national. He supervises all the churches in his area. The national church through its offerings assumes the responsibility for the payment of all pastoral salaries. Church government is virtually in the hands of the twelve ministers and elders chosen by the church. Counsel from the missionaries is welcomed by this group.

The *prospects* were never brighter for the work of WGM in Kenya. The Bible school is strategically located near vast tea estates where thousands of laborers from various tribes are recruited on labor contracts. Services among them, sponsored by the Bible school, are far-reaching in effect.

The Kipsigis did not accept Mau Mau and their hearts are open to the Gospel. During the rebellion the government realized in an even greater way the value of missions. It is ready to invest vast sums in the establishment and maintenance of Christian centers in the larger towns where missions can supervise work in behalf of the Africans who have been lured to the towns from the various tribal reserves.

The missionaries of the World Gospel Mission are challenged to increased efforts in the establishment of a New Testament church in the Kipsigis tribe.



Rev. and Mrs. Richard Adkins  
August 1955

Miss Eva Gilger  
August 1954



Mr. and Mrs. Noble Wilkinson  
October 1955

Miss Viola Miles  
March 1954

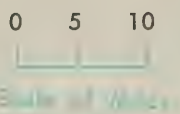


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October 1955

Miss Betty Ruth Adkins  
March 1956



# AREA IN KENYA



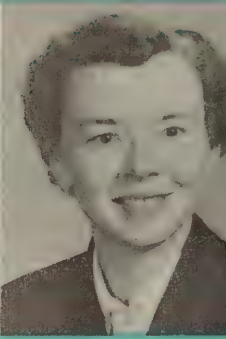
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January 1956



Miss Virginia Lain  
Appointed June 1956



Rev. and Mrs. Dean Strong  
Appointed June 1956



Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Steury  
Appointed June 1956



Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Adkins  
April 1939







Rev. and Mrs. Karl Rice  
November 1938



Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Abbott  
December 1941



Miss Myra Martin  
March 1946



Miss Ella Ruth Pratt  
December 1939



## INDIA

### A Land of Challenge

In 1937 World Gospel Mission began work in India with emphasis on a Bible school as an interdenominational holiness center for South India. The school had temporary quarters first at Madras, then at Bangalore. Now it is housed in substantial buildings on its permanent site at Bangarapet, a strategic railway center.

The school, known as the South India Bible Institute, is open to high school graduates and offers a four-year college-level course. At least fifty young people enroll each year. For lack of space many applicants must be refused. Classes are taught in English, but Kanarese is the language used for evangelistic assignments in the area. Great emphasis is placed upon (1) the cleansing and infilling work of the Holy Spirit within the believing Christian, (2) prayer, both of a devotional and world-wide intercessory nature, and (3) soul-winning, practiced along with the four years of classroom studies.

The motto of the school is "Saved to Serve." How seriously they consider their goal may be judged by the fact that 95% of the graduates of SIBI are in full-time Christian service. Many have gone to serve in language areas other than their own; one couple has gone to Kenya,

Africa to labor among the Indians in that country, and one has answered the call and gone as a missionary to Tibet.

The medical department ministers not only to the needs of the Bible school students, but also to the sick and suffering of the community.

Work among Moslems is done from the center at Budikote.

In the work among the villages great use is made of the national leaders. As an important step toward a self-propagating church a national preacher was appointed to supervise the work of village evangelism. Students of the Bible school find ample scope for practical experience. Great is the challenge of one thousand villages that have no other witness than the missionary and trained national representatives of the World Gospel Mission.

The superintendent of the field says in his latest report, "The door for the preaching of God's Word is still open and the prospects for the future are good." The mobile unit has been very effective in bringing blessings to many in the Mar Thoma and other churches in southern India. As many as 4,500 children find vacation Bible schools fascinating. Doors are wide open in India for the training of young people and for interdenominational holiness evangelism.



Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Dewey  
August 1945



Rev. William Smith  
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Mrs. William Smith  
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Rev. Ivan Carroll  
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Mrs. Ivan Carroll  
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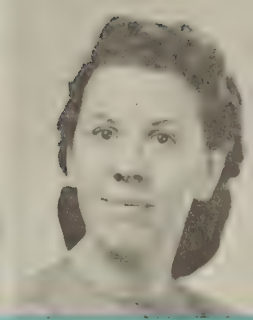




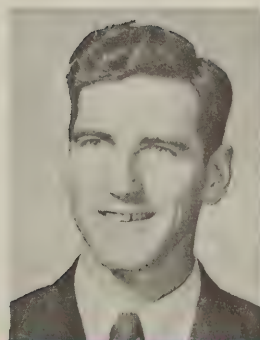
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September 1947



Miss Esther Faulkner  
May 1945



Rev. and Mrs. Lester Hamilton  
July 1951





#### THE SUN PYRAMID

The ruins pictured above stand near Mexico City as a mute symbol of the earnest endeavor of a prehistoric race. The pyramid now stands 216 feet high and is 700 feet long on each side at the base. Were

it not flattened at the top it would be larger than the more famous pyramids of Egypt. During the period of the Aztec civilization there was erected on the top of the pyramid a temple dedicated to the worship of the sun.

## MEXICO

### A Pyramid for These Times

Saltillo, a city in northeastern Mexico, with a population of 70,000 needy souls, lured two intrepid missionaries to open work there in June, 1951, under the World Gospel Mission. One of the two, Miss Hester Easley, is still on the field.

In these few years there has been remarkable progress.

In Saltillo the congregation numbers about one hundred. The Sunday school has an enrollment of sixty. Christian youth are catching the vision. Although the Bible school was started only in February of 1956 there are now ten students on its roll. Erection of a new church is under way assisted by a Christian Mexican architect.

The influence has reached out into other areas where other groups have not gone. The Gospel has been preached in eleven villages where very little if any of the message was known. Regular services have been conducted in the last months in seven villages (except for the time when the absence of the pick-up truck seriously handicapped such visits). The work of evangelism is assisted by two national workers, eight of the students and another lay

worker. About 125 believers are ready for full membership; there are also 25 probationers and 50 inquirers. Many of the Christians, both adults and young people, have sought and obtained the blessing of entire sanctification. Weekly reports tell of other seekers finding pardon or purity.

The tremendous challenge, recognized by our missionaries, must be shared by us all. There are twenty-five unevangelized villages within reach of Saltillo, not to mention countless numbers more remote. From some of these and from ranches calls for help have already come. The opportunities are limited only by lack of personnel and equipment. More missionaries and Bible-trained, Spirit-filled national workers are desperately needed. The number taken for training is limited only by staff and by classroom and living space.

The Christian counterpart of the Sun Pyramid pictured here is a pyramid of dedicated lives offered as living sacrifices to Christ. How incomplete is the task! How great the need for others to offer themselves that the "Sun of righteousness" might shine into the benighted minds and hearts of many of Mexico's millions!



Miss Hester Easley  
September 1945



Rev. and Mrs. Carl Gongwer  
August 1953



Miss Fern Abbott  
June 1942



Rev. and Mrs. Gordon R. Atkeison  
Appointed March 1957





# MIDDLE EAST



## A Campaign of Peace

In the summer and fall of 1954 the Board of Directors of World Gospel Mission felt the time had come when the society should undertake work in another new field. An inquiry had come to our office concerning the possibility of WGM's undertaking an interdenominational work of evangelism and the training of Christian workers in the Middle East, in connection with the revival ministry of Rev. Samuel Doctorian.

This young man had witnessed an unusual outpouring of the Spirit of God upon his revival campaigns in Egypt. Among the converts were many young people who felt the call of God upon them to preach the Gospel among their own people. Brother Doctorian sensed this urgent need and sought the cooperation of WGM in this interdenominational ministry.

The WGM Board requested its president, who was scheduled to make a trip to the Orient and India, to return by way of the Middle East to meet Brother Doctorian and discuss these matters with him. Since then God has led in a marvelous way. Brother Doctorian spent a year in the States. Thousands of hungry hearts were blessed through his humble ministry and funds were raised for the purchase of a large evangelistic tent and other equipment. In the late summer of 1956 Brother Doctorian returned to the Middle East. The months which have passed since his return have been filled with intense activity and unusual blessing. A thousand souls sought the Lord during fourteen weeks of continuous revival meetings in churches and in the gospel tent. A suitable property has been found and plans are under way for the establishment of a Bible training school in Beirut, Lebanon in the fall of 1957.

This is the day of opportunity in the Middle East. Lebanon is the strategic spot from which the Middle East can be reached. The greatest need in this troubled area is the glorious Gospel of the Prince of Peace.

\* Headquarters of Middle East work



Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Doctorian  
Middle East Representatives  
Appointed April 1955





Rev. and Mrs. Albert Steiner  
October 1947



Miss Faith Francis  
August 1951



Rev. and Mrs. Degee Brown  
November 1945



## MEXICAN BORDER

### Down in the Valley

*"Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go."* So sing so many. But in 1945 some missionaries of World Gospel Mission not only sang but they went. Yes, down, down, down into about the lowest part of the Rio Grande valley went the workers to labor among the Mexicans of southern Texas.

It was soon seen that more effective work could be done with the youth, so Taylor Institute was opened at McAllen, Texas, near the junction of highways 281 and 83. Taylor is now a full eight-grade school with an enrollment of about 130 boys and girls. Even in this elementary school a life of purity and Christian holiness is taught by precept and example and as a result many young people have been brought into a vital Christian experience.

Progress has been encouraging indeed. Since the desire was to prepare Mexicans to reach Mexicans on both sides of the border, the WGM work had to expand. In a miraculous way a site was given and the Mexican Border Bible Institute came into being near La Feria, thirty miles east of McAllen. Both high school and Bible school training are provided.

Besides the two main stations there are five outstations: Madero, Valle Hermosa, Cuchilla, Mission Acres and another in the town of La Feria. These and McAllen have been centers of a strong evangelistic program which has reached over into Mexico. In the five regular meeting places an average of eighteen weekly meetings is held.

The 5 Sunday schools are attended by an average of more than 200 pupils. Six daily vacation Bible schools were held during the summer of 1956.

La Feria has also realized progress. At the institute, church services are held for the entire community. In the town of La Feria an old tavern has been transformed into a mission. After two years of operating the Mexican Border Bible Institute the superintendent reported that all of the students in both high school and Bible school departments "give promise of becoming good Christian workers."

It is encouraging to note the increased amount of responsibility assumed by the Christians. The Mexican people have contributed well to the new church fund. They also aid in the support of a worker in Mexico.

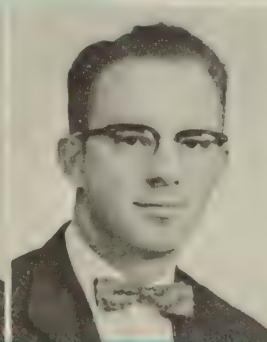
The spiritual life on both sides of the border will in the future feel an even greater impact of this work. Most of the students of MBBI are now having regular Sunday assignments. Well-versed are these in the language, tradition, customs and superstitions of their own people. Faculty and students work together in an intensive evangelistic program which is bearing fruit.

What a challenge is the preparation of Mexicans to win others of the one million Mexicans living in southern Texas, to say nothing of the thousands of migrant workers who could go back to Mexico to say to their friends, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did."

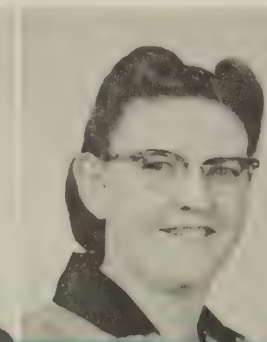
Is it not worth while to go down into the valley?



Miss Doris McFeters  
September 1954



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cramer  
October 1954



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pinkley  
September 1956





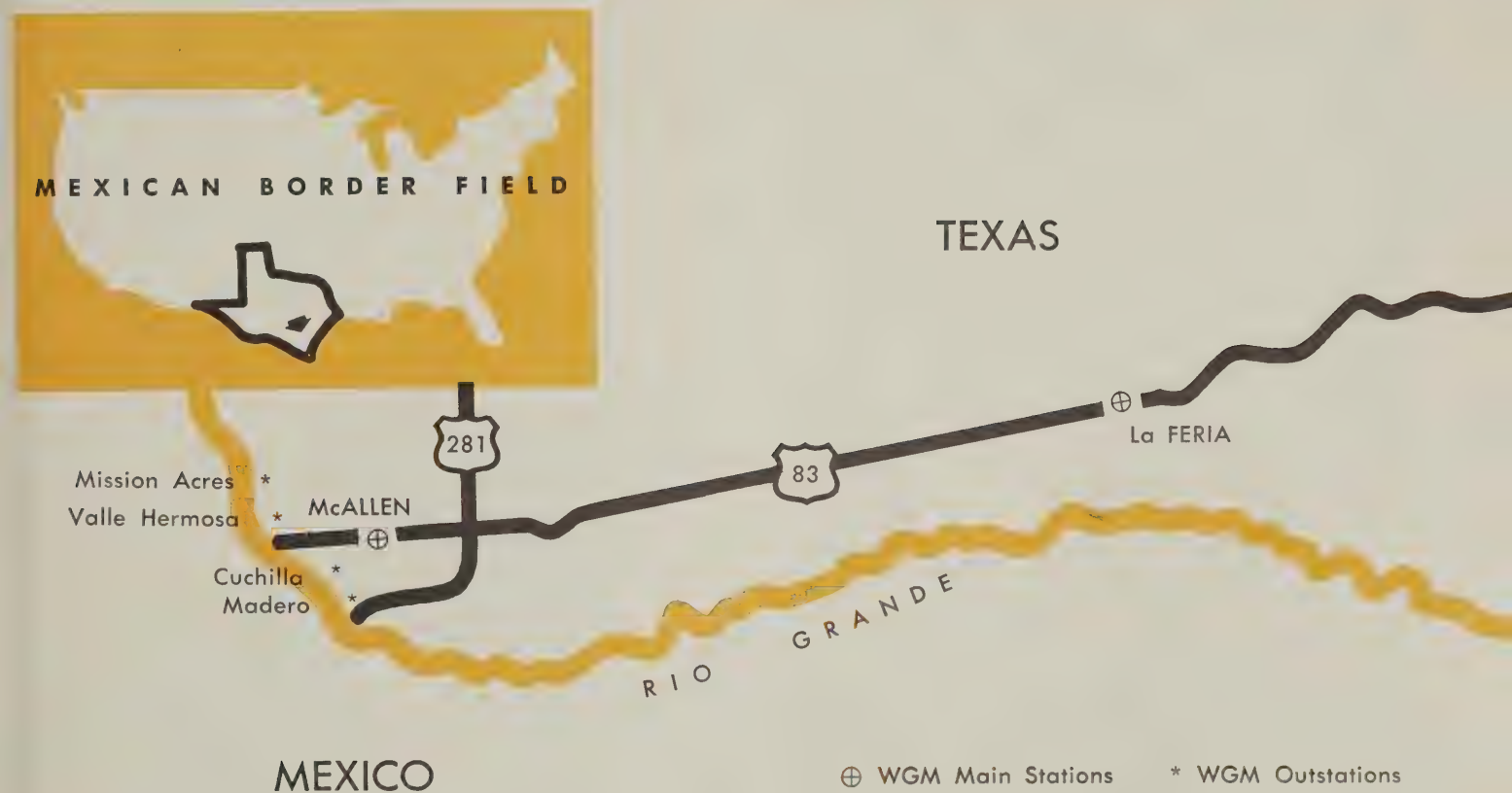


Rev. and Mrs. Monroe Hughbanks  
August 1953

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith  
August 1954

Miss Rachel Taylor  
April 1950

Miss Beverly Lewis  
August 1952



Miss Ann Whitehead  
August 1955

Miss Wilma Smith  
August 1955

Miss Esther Gulley  
December 1946

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Griffith  
January 1957

Miss Carol Wonch  
December 1956



# FORMOSA

## Beyond the Bamboo Curtain

After spending many years in China Rev. and Mrs. John Trachsel found the door closing, so with other Christian missionaries they left the country. Not ready to return to their homeland, they were granted permission to enter India where they assisted effectively in the work of World Gospel Mission until time for their furlough.

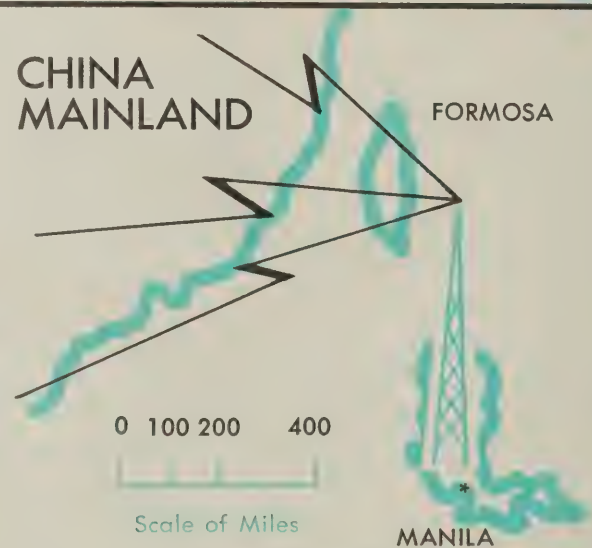
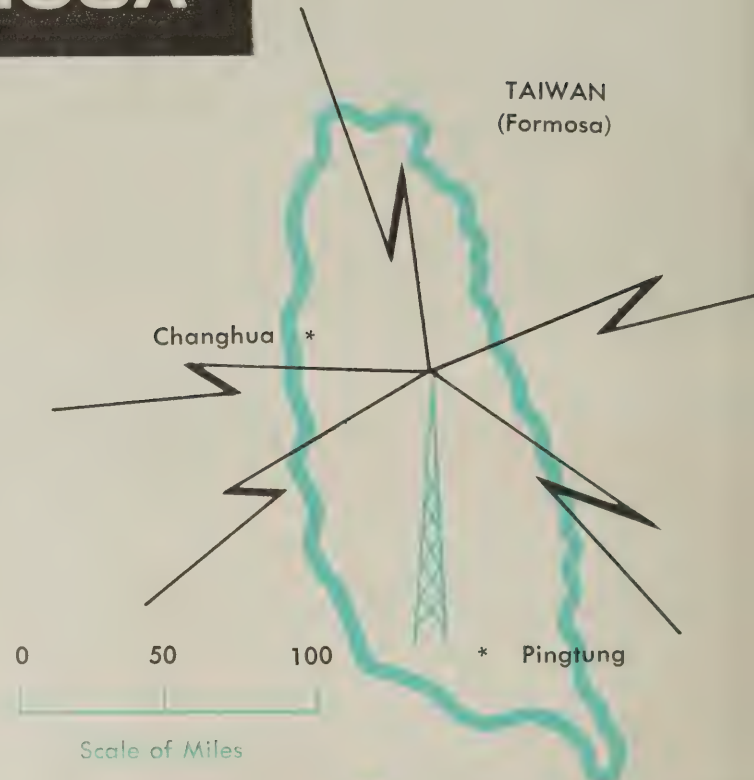
After a period of deputation work in the States, they were sent in 1953 to begin the work of WGM in Formosa (Taiwan). Besides the Taiwanese, the island is overcrowded with Chinese from the mainland. Many of these speak Mandarin, a language which the Trachsels speak fluently.

They began evangelistic work in cooperation with other missions wherever doors opened. It was not long until they had more calls than they were able to accept. As many as twenty-three missions and churches have had their help in evangelism and spiritual life conferences. Rev. Trachsel holds as many as twenty-one protracted meetings a year, during which many find victory and peace of mind and heart. Invitations come to minister to both civilians and military personnel. From neighboring islands calls have come, some of which he could accept. In public places and along the highway, or even along the path, guidance has been given the travelers through the distribution of such literature as "The Holy Way" by Isaiah Reid and "The Way of Holiness" by Samuel Brengle.

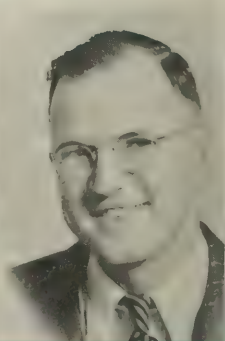
Besides working with her husband in many of these evangelistic campaigns, Mrs. Trachsel is being used of God among the Chinese women. She is also a member of a committee for promoting spiritual retreats for the missionary women.

Formosa holds out such great possibilities for evangelistic endeavor that in recent years many Christian organizations have made great investments of funds and personnel. Thousands of the crowded population are Chinese from the mainland. Some of them have been under the influence of missions in China. As much of the labor of the past years as possible must be conserved. Says Mr. Trachsel, "The easiest class to reach is the mainlanders . . . A feeling of insecurity causes them to be more open to the Gospel." New converts must be gained and Spirit-filled national leaders trained in readiness for the day when China will again be open to the Gospel.

Not only on the island of Formosa (Taiwan) but even from Manila, by means of radio, the Trachsel voice calls out into the darkness pointing out the way of light and truth. Radio messages, through the facilities of the Far Eastern Broadcasting Company in Manila, are beamed beyond the "bamboo curtain." Pray for the consolation of Chinese Christians!



Mrs. John Trachsel  
October 1932



Rev. John Trachsel  
October 1930



# JAPAN

## Aiding an Indigenous Plant

World Gospel Mission began work in Japan in 1952. Rev. and Mrs. David Kuba, on completing their training in the States, were sent out at that time as WGM's first missionaries to that field. The work of WGM is a co-operative effort with a completely indigenous organization, the Immanuel General Church, which is under the capable leadership of Dr. David Tsutada.

Rev. and Mrs. Kuba both teach in the Immanuel Bible Training College in Tokyo where no student enrolls who is not pledged to full-time service. "It is gratifying," writes Rev. Kuba, "to . . . count on each graduate as a full-time worker." Such trained workers are prepared to serve in any part of the various islands of Japan.

Bible classes were held in the Kuba home until an Immanuel church was started two blocks away. Often persons attended who had become interested during the

street meeting which was held just prior to the study class. Sinners found pardon and believers were edified as a result. Many week ends Rev. and Mrs. Kuba preach in nearby Immanuel churches.

Twice weekly Mrs. Kuba assists another mission in its kindergarten work. Her interest is naturally keen in those 112 or more children; but even beyond them, her concern is also for their mothers. In her own neighborhood, she visits in homes, hospitals and prisons.

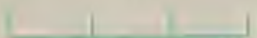
These missionaries usually spend their summers in rural campaigns sponsored by Immanuel churches. Many find the Lord in these revivals and in turn lead others of their families into the Light. In the summer of 1956, Mrs. Kuba could not accompany her husband, so God sent needy hearts to her door, sometimes in a "constant stream."

In July of 1956 Rev. and Mrs. Kuba were joined by WGM reinforcements in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Boggs who have since been engaged in intensive language study.

Largest Island in Japan



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Scale of Miles



Rev. and Mrs. David Kuba  
June 1952

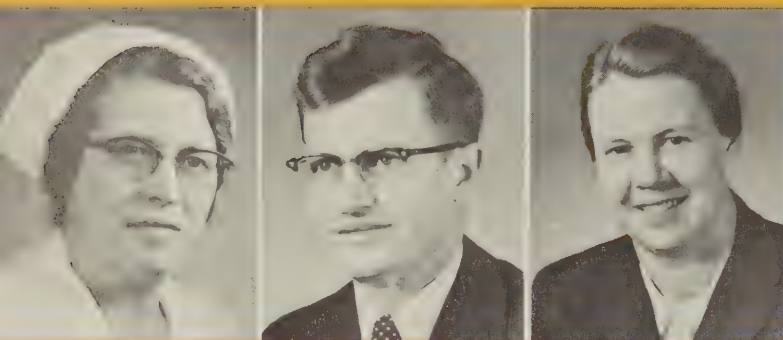
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June 1956





Rev. and Mrs. George Belknap  
March 1941

Miss Margaret Thompson  
March 1941



Miss Mildred Newman  
June 1943

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Shingledecker  
December 1943



Rev. and Mrs. William Cox  
December 1945

Miss Elizabeth Schultz  
March 1947



Dr. and Mrs. David Stewart  
July 1949

Miss Marie Heinemann  
December 1945

## Hilltops of Vision

Urundi, an area in eastern Congo, is about the size of Vermont. Seven Protestant missions are working within its borders. Its population of 2,015,000 would equal that of Vermont, Wyoming, Utah and South Dakota combined.

World Gospel Mission agreed in 1938 to enter Urundi at the urgent request of the Free Methodist Mission. In 1939 a missionary couple moved from the field in Kenya and settled at Kayero, an infant station given to us by the Free Methodists. That portion of Urundi, which Protestant missions recognize as being the responsibility of WGM, comprises about 1,400 square miles in which live approximately 150,000 souls.

*Evangelism.* Our missionaries are daily holding forth the Word of Life at Kayero, Murehe and Murore stations. At Mweya the WGM cooperates with the Free Methodists and the Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends in a Bible school and a school for missionaries' children. On the same site the Grace Memorial Press, managed by WGM, produces Christian literature for all the Protestant missions in Ruanda-Urundi.

In and around these 4 main stations and 56 outstations, as many as 290 meetings are held weekly. Besides seventy paid African preachers, about ninety-three lay workers assist in these ministries without pay. Forty Sunday schools have 1,332 pupils enrolled. The African church in the WGM field in Urundi has 865 full members, 929 on probation and 1,000 others who are inquirers. The more than one thousand tithers help tremendously to make the church completely self-supporting. The field superintendent writes, "Africans continue to assume responsibilities in church government, evangelism, missionary endeavor and self-support."

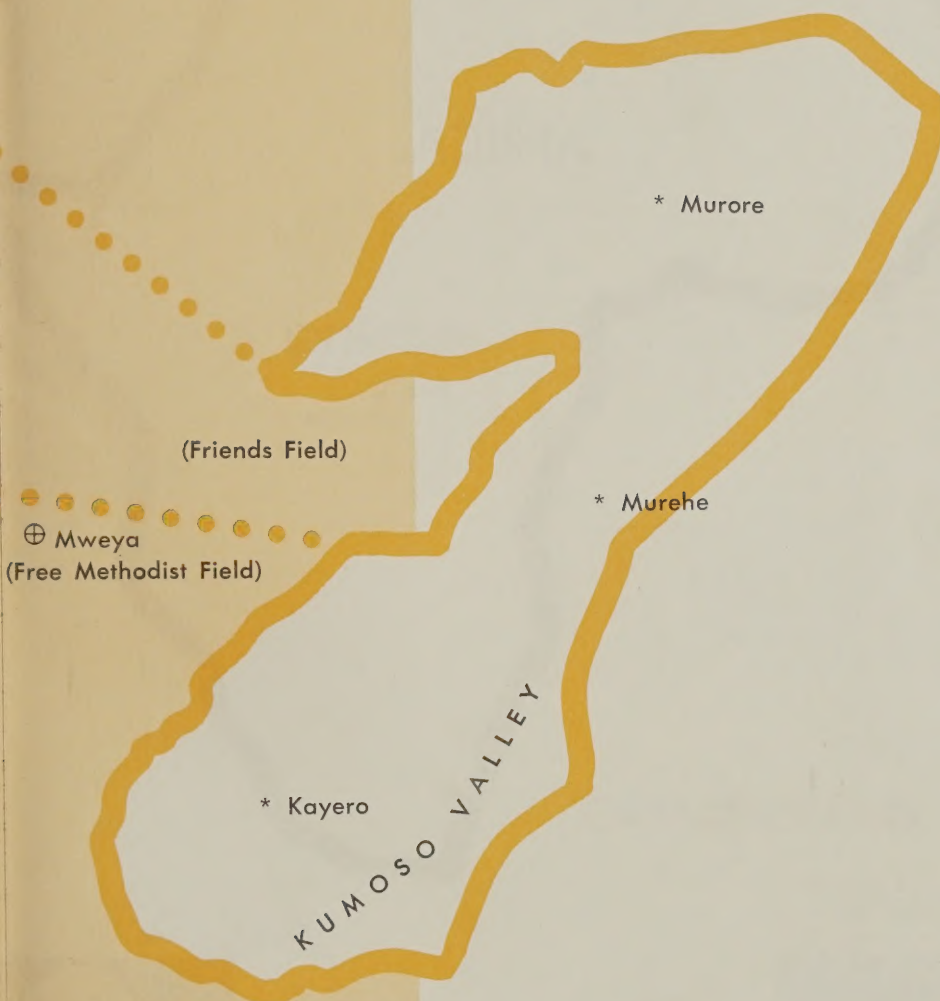
*Education.* In the elementary schools 914 children and young people are enrolled. Part-time schools in Bible study and reading are attended by men, women and nearly four thousand children. The superintendent comments that these students "have proven fertile soil in which to plant the Word of God. Many have found the Lord."

*Medical Work.* The medical work is being carried on at three of the main stations. During 1956 the number of in-patients admitted for treatment totaled 1,291. During the same period approximately sixty thousand outpatients were treated. This latter figure includes those who came for vaccinations and inoculations required by the government. Medical missionaries are assisted by twenty-four African workers.

*The Challenge.* As one stands on the edge of the plateau near Kayero and looks down into the great Kumo-so valley, and sees "beyond the trees," his heart is challenged by the needs of those backward people who in the lowland await the Light. In that unhealthy region Christian lives have already been poured out as offerings of sacrificial love. Through the years outstations have been opened which struggled for existence while their national leaders, unaccustomed to the lowlands, battled with disease and other means of Satanic attack. Yet, the work moves on! Other new outstations have recently been opened and a mission station is contemplated for the valley.



# URUNDI, AFRICA



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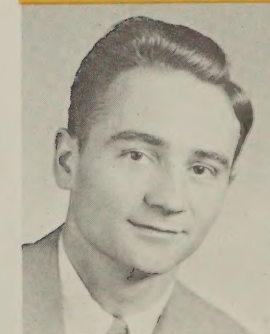
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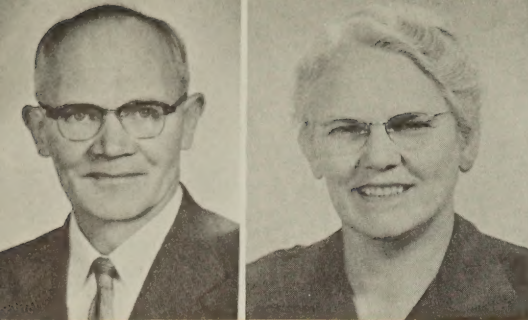
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Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Hedges  
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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thomas  
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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rhoads  
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Miss Betty Stephens  
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Miss Esther Luttrull  
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Rev. and Mrs. Richard Keim  
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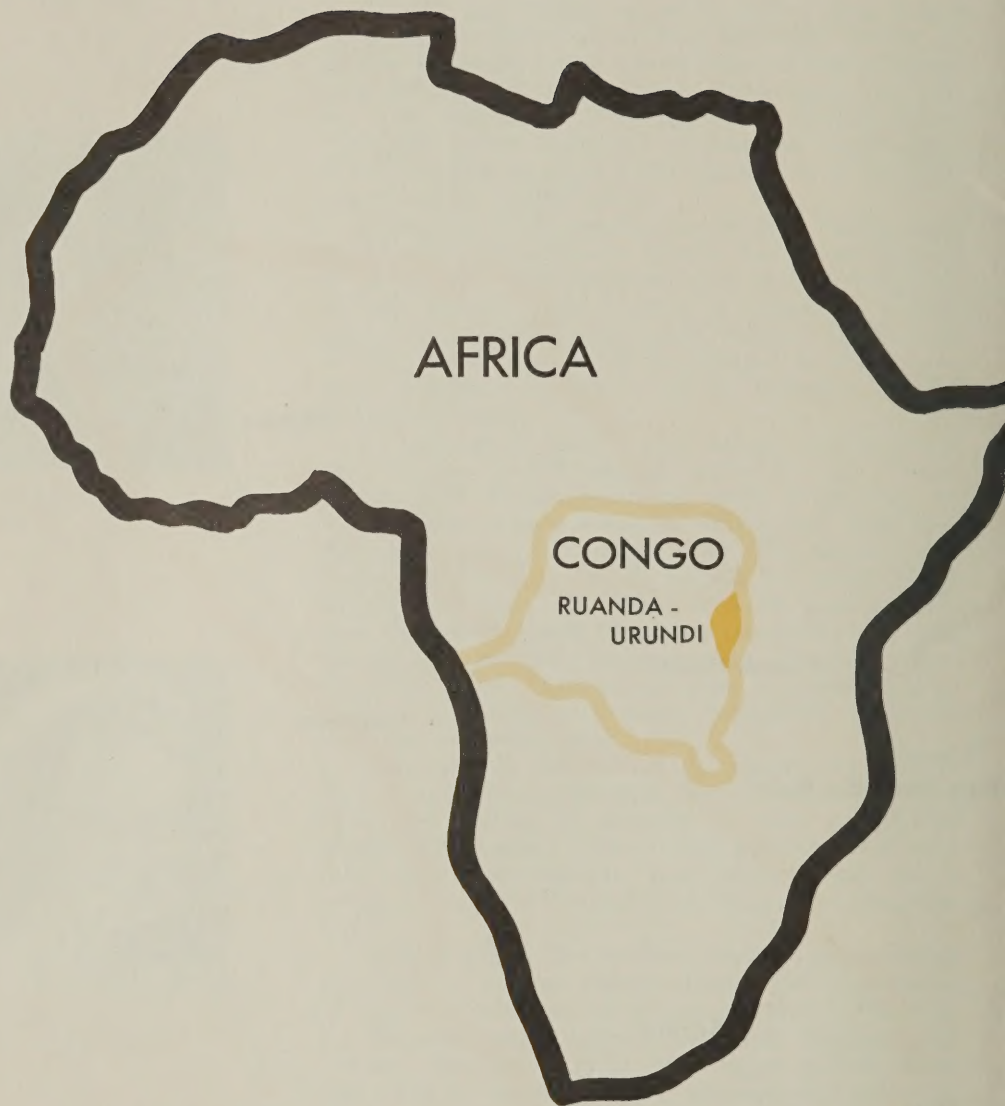


Miss Phyllis Wright  
Appointed October 1956



Miss Eleanor Sharp  
August 1953

## LOCATING RUANDA-URUNDI IN THE BELGIAN CONGO





# CHINA FIELDS

China, though closed to missionaries, is wide open to a ministry of prayer. Let us continue to occupy these fields by believing God for the free working of His Holy Spirit.

## North China

This was the first field of World Gospel Mission. Work was started in 1910 with four missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Woodford Taylor and Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Troxel. The mission was made responsible for an unevangelized section of Shantung Province — a section having a population of four million. By the time the missionaries had to leave the field because of Communist occupation, there were six ordained Chinese men, one hundred other preachers and evangelists, three hundred volunteer workers, three main stations, fifty outstations and more than two hundred substations.

In 1930, WGM's field headquarters was located in Tientsin, a port city of 1½ million people in Hopei Province. The Tientsin Bible Seminary was established here. In later years it had an annual enrollment of about one hundred young people from fifteen to twenty different missions and denominations. Missionaries and students carried on evangelistic work in the city through city mission halls, Sunday schools, home visitation, children's meetings, evangelistic services and by many other means.

Word has come indirectly "through the bamboo curtain" that the Chinese workers are still carrying on the Bible school work. There is no way for us to prove the truth of this report but we are praying and trusting that God is strengthening and using the Chinese Christians, preachers and other workers.

## West China

This field was opened in 1947, with headquarters in the city of Chungking. Besides doing evangelistic work, the missionaries assisted in a Bible school which was under Chinese management. WGM was assigned an area of five counties near Chungking, thus becoming solely responsible for the evangelization of three million souls. In this country district a strong evangelistic program was carried on until Communist invasion closed the field to missionaries. Our West China missionaries were then able to go to India to help in the WGM work there.

Indirect reports indicate that gospel services are continuing in the city of Chungking. Prayer is requested for the Chinese Christians and preachers, that their joy and faith in God may be deep and strong. God is able to make His church stronger in times of persecution and lack of human help. Pray also that many will be won to Christ through the witness and work of God's people in China.



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WGM Headquarters

### THE VITAL LINK

The steady strengthening of World Gospel Mission's homeland base has helped to make possible the expanding work on the fields and has furnished a solid foundation for it. The mission's first office was in a room rented from Chicago Evangelistic Institute, at 1804 Washington Boulevard, Chicago. The office eventually outgrew two rooms at the same address and was moved to a rented building at 219 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago. Further expansion made another move necessary — to a larger building, purchased by the mission, at 733 North Parkside Avenue, Chicago. The work continued to enlarge until more office space was a critical need. The homeland staff was doing its best in cramped quarters. At this point (in 1952) the Lord wonderfully provided World Gospel Mission with an adequate headquarters property at Marion, Indiana. This building, miraculously spared from fire and tornado, is the center for WGM's growing, world-wide ministry.